GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1061
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
INCRESE IN THE RESERVATION QUOTA FOR OBC
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which such increase is likely to be made?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the judgment of Supreme Court delivered on 16-11-1992 in the Case ofIndira Sawhney & Others Vs. Union of India & Others, the total reservation under Article 16(4) can not exceed 50%. At present 49.5% posts are reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes in case of directrecruitment on All India basis by open competition and 50% of posts are reserved in case of direct recruitment on all India basis by other than open competition.